

Comparisons of Job Characteristics

Focus Occupation: Dental Laboratory Technicians (51-9081)

Associated Occupation: Medical and Clinical Laboratory Technicians (29-2012)

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<<	Focus occupation element is much lower
<	Focus occupation element is lower
0	Focus occupation element is at a similar level
>	Focus occupation element is at a higher level
>>	Focus occupation element is at a much higher level

Knowledge

Similarity of Focus Occupation to Associated Occupation: 39

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Associated Occupation: Medical and Clinical Laboratory Technicians (29-2012)

Associated Occupation's Key Knowledge Elements	Average Rating, All Occupations	Associated Occupation's Rating	Focus Occupation's Rating		Evaluation of Focus Occupation
Chemistry	4.8	17.5	7.8	<<	Extensive education and/or training may be required
Customer and Personal Service	11.3	12.9	10.4	<	Expanded education and/or training may be required
Medicine and Dentistry	3.7	12.8	11.5	<	Expanded education and/or training may be required
Biology	3.7	12.3	3.1	<<	Extensive education and/or training may be required

The maximum possible rating is 25.

Source: Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development, Research and Analysis Section analysis of O*NET (Occupation Information Network) data.

Skills

Similarity of Focus Occupation to Associated Occupation: 61

Focus Occupation: Dental Laboratory Technicians (51-9081)

Associated Occupation: Medical and Clinical Laboratory Technicians (29-2012)

Associated Occupation's Key Skills Elements	Average Rating, All Occupations	Associated Occupation's Rating	Focus Occupation's Rating		Evaluation of Focus Occupation
Science	4.5	10.8	2.6	<<	Extensive development of skills in this area may be required
Operation Monitoring	6.6	9.5	8.0	<	A higher skill level may be required
Quality Control Analysis	5.9	8.9	10.1	>	Skill level is likely sufficient
Equipment Maintenance	3.5	7.4	3.4	<<	Extensive development of skills in this area may be required
Troubleshooting	4.5	7.3	4.4	<<	Extensive development of skills in this area may be required
Equipment Selection	3.3	6.4	5.9	0	Current skill level may be sufficient

The maximum possible rating is 25.

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Abilities		Similarity of Focus Occupation to Associated Occupation: 87			
Focus Occupation: Dental Laboratory Technicians (51-9081)					
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Associated Occupation's Key Abilities Elements	Average Rating, All Occupations	Associated Occupation's Rating	Focus Occupation's Rating	Evaluation of Focus Occupation	
Finger Dexterity	7.6	11.0	14.1	>>	Current ability level is likely more than sufficient
Flexibility of Closure	7.8	9.8	8.7	<	Some improvement in abilities may be required
Visual Color Discrimination	6.4	9.3	7.5	<	Some improvement in abilities may be required
Perceptual Speed	7.4	9.1	7.7	<	Some improvement in abilities may be required
Number Facility	6.3	8.7	4.1	<<	Extensive improvement in abilities may be required

The maximum possible rating is 25.

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Activities that Both Occupations Have in Common		Similarity of Focus Occupation to Associated Occupation: 56
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Work Activities	Exclusivity of Activity	
Mix paint, ingredients, or chemicals, according to specifications	35	
Understand technical operating, service or repair manuals	6	
Use precision measuring tools or equipment	17	

Not all positions in these occupations will necessarily perform all of the listed activities. The exclusivity rating is an indication of how unique the activity is amongst all occupations. The maximum rating is 100. High scores indicate that only a small number of occupations engage in that activity.

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Tools and Technologies that Both Occupations Have in Common		Similarity of Focus Occupation to Associated Occupation: 53
Focus Occupation: Dental Laboratory Technicians (51-9081) Associated Occupation: Medical and Clinical Laboratory Technicians (29-2012)		
Tools and Technologies	Exclusivity	
Autoclave and sterilizer equipment and accessories	12	
Computer printers	2	

Computers	1
Content authoring and editing software	1
Data management and query software	1
Finance accounting and enterprise resource planning ERP software	2
Indicating and recording instruments	2
Information exchange software	1
Laboratory heating and drying equipment	13
Laboratory mixing and stirring and shaking equipment and supplies	19
Laboratory pumps and tubing	23
Length and thickness and distance measuring instruments	2
Test Tubes	26
Tissue culture and high throughput screening supplies	31
Viewing and observing instruments and accessories	4
Weight measuring instruments	7

Not all positions in these occupations will necessarily use all of the listed tools and technologies. The exclusivity rating is an indication of how unique the tool or technology is amongst all occupations. The maximum rating is 100. High scores indicate that only a small number of occupations use that tool or technology.

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